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## **SWIM COACH CHARGED WITH POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that BRIAN D. HINDSON, 40, of Westfield, was charged by complaint today with allegedly possessing computer video files of child pornography at his residence on February 5, 2008. The charges are the result of a joint investigation by the Kokomo Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with additional assistance from the Westfield Police Department, the Carmel Police Department, the Special Investigations Section of the Indiana State Police, and the Fishers Police Department. These law enforcement agencies are actively involved in the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Hamilton County Metropolitan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This investigation is also part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

According to an affidavit filed with the federal complaint, HINDSON has worked as the Head Coach/CEO of Central Indiana Aquatics, the Head Coach of Kokomo High School Swimming & Diving, and as a Coaches Representative for Indiana Swimming Inc. HINDSON allegedly possessed eight (8) computer video files containing visual depictions of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. These files were allegedly contained within an external hard drive recovered during a search of his residence on February 5, 2008.

During an interview following the search, HINDSON also allegedly admitted to hiding video cameras in the locker rooms at Kokomo High School and Westfield High School. The complaint does not, however, allege that HINDSON originally produced any of the eight computer videos specifically described in the possession charge. This investigation is ongoing. Members of the public possessing information they believe to be useful to the investigators should call the Kokomo Police Department at (765) 456-7248.

HINDSON was arrested without incident this morning by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kokomo Police Department and the Westfield Police Department. An initial

appearance is scheduled today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kennard P. Foster in Indianapolis at 2:00 PM.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta, who is prosecuting the case for the government, knowing possession of child pornography may be punished by a term of imprisonment of up to ten (10) years, a maximum possible fine of \$250,000, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment for up to the life of the offender.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit  
<http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov>.

**The complaint is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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